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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Hsu et al.

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For: DEFORMABLE CAP FOR A  
COMPUTER POINTING DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 2832  
Examiner: J. Poker

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**AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 13, 2002**

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2002 to further highlight reasons why the captioned application is in condition for allowance. Please amend the case as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract (pg. 22, lines 5-20) with the following amended paragraph. A "marked-up" version of each amendment is included in Attachment A.

A deformable cap for a computer pointing device is provided that may be particularly useful for miniature joystick-type pointing devices such as the TrackPoint™ and ScrollPoint™ devices manufactured by the IBM corporation of Armonk, NY. When an operator places a fingertip on the cap, the cap deforms thereby advantageously increasing the surface area of contact between the cap and the